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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6370

BILL NUMBER: SB 169

DATE PREPARED: Nov 19, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Wetland Inventory.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill reestablishes and extends the Environmental Quality Service Council (EQSC) through December 31, 2003. It directs the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Department of Natural Resources to conduct an inventory of all wetlands in Indiana by July 1, 2003. The bill makes an appropriation to the Department of Environmental Management to conduct the inventory. It repeals the current EQSC enabling statute (which expires December 31, 2000).

Effective Date: Upon passage; July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This proposal has two cost components. First, reestablishing the EQSC will result in a maximum expenditure per year of \$18,500. This amount is the maximum budget allotted legislative study committees composed of at least 16 members. (The EQSC consists of 24 members.) Legislative Services Agency will also provide staff to the Council; however, the Agency will incur no additional expenses because it currently provides staff to the Council.

The second component consists of expenses associated with conducting a statewide inventory of wetlands in Indiana. IDEM is currently in the process of discussing inventory costs with representatives from Indiana University. Information regarding costs estimates will be provided when available. Expenses for the inventory are to be taken from IDEM's budget. The bill appropriates to IDEM's Office of Water Management an amount sufficient to conduct the inventory. Money is to be appropriated from the State General Fund beginning July 1, 2001, and ending June 30, 2003. Money appropriated for the inventory does not revert to the State General Fund at the end of any state fiscal year.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Environmental Management, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Legislative Services Agency

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: